

## **Political Science (Pols)**

### ***101 The Politics of Me: Identity Politics in the Modern World***

3 credit hours

This course will explore a wide range of human concerns from the perspective of the political self. The course will attempt to place the political self in a context informed by classical understandings and modern thought. (As needed)

### ***111 Introduction to Political Science*** 3 credit hours

Students will explore the origin and impact of contemporary and past political ideologies on today's political environment. A study of political theory and politics and investigation of theory and practice of government. (Spring)

### ***112 Introduction to American Government*** 3 credit hours

The study of constitutional development, party systems, public opinion and political participation, interest groups, and structure/functions of the three branches of the United States government. (Fall)

### ***212 State and Local Government*** 3 credit hours

A study of the nature, organization, powers, and functions of American state and local governments. Prereq: Pols 112. (As needed)

### ***301 International Relations*** 3 credit hours

A survey of the formal relations among sovereign states in the international community. Emphasis will be placed on the role of diplomacy, the factors of power, the procedures for the settlement of disputes, the various modes of conflict resolution and economic and cultural exchanges. Prereq: Pols 111 or 112. (As needed)

### ***311 History and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa (also Hist 311)***

3 credit hours

A history of the development of the social institutions, value systems and political organizations of Sub-Saharan Africa. The course will include

discussion of Africa's ancient kingdoms, the impact of the Atlantic slave trade, and the development of colonial empires on the African continent.

Prereq: Hist 101, 102; Pols 111; or permission of instructor; Junior status. (As needed)

***460-469 Special Topics in Political Science*** 3 credit hours

This series of three-hour courses explores various topics of importance in the field of political science. Potential topics include American Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, American Constitutional Law, Environmental Policy, US Public Policy, American Foreign Policy, Latin American Politics, American Urban Government, the US Presidency, State and Local Government in the US, Politics and the Media, and other topics as desired. Prereq: Junior status. (As needed)